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I.O. FOR CHESTER NORRIS

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: UNRWA, LE
SUBJECT: VISIT OF LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANTS TO UNRWA AREAS

1. UNRWA COMMISSIONER GENERAL MCELHINEY HAS ASKED THAT
WE PASS YOU THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE RE PROPOSED VISIT OF
CONGRESSIONAL LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANTS TO UNRWA AREAS OF
OPERATION.

2. BEGIN QUOTE: RE PROJECTED VISIT TO MIDDLE EAST 12
THROUGH 25 FEBRUARY OF MCCAL AND POSSIBLY OTHER
LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANTS FOR UNRWA STUDY, THERE WILL
DOUBTLESS BE ASPECTS OF STUDY THAT MCCALL WILL WANT TO
DISCUSS WITH KNOWLEDGEABLE DEPARTMENT OFFICER DURING TRIP
AND THERE WILL BE DISCUSSIONS IN ALL U.S. EMBASSIES IN
WHICH YOUR PARTICIPATION WILL BE ESSENTIAL. THEREFORE
STRONGLY URGE YOU OBTAIN AUTHORIZATION TO ACCOMPANY.

3. FOLLOWING IS SUGGESTED ITINERARY:

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WASHINGTON

TUESDAY 14 AND BEIRUT FOR OPERATIONS HEADQUARTERS
WEDNESDAY 15 FEBRUARY AND LEBANON FIELD OFFICE. DEPARTURE
BY ROAD FOR DAMASCUS AFTERNOON WED-
NESDAY.

THURSDAY 16 AND DAMASCUS
FRIDAY 17 FEBRUARY

SATURDAY 18 FEBRUARY DEPARTURE DAMASCUS BY ROAD FOR
AMMAN. VISITS EN ROUTE

SUNDAY 19 AND AMMAN
MONDAY 20 FEBRUARY

TUESDAY 21 FEBRUARY DEPARTURE AMMAN BY ROAD FOR
JERUSALEM VIA ALLENBY BRIDGE

WEDNESDAY 22 FEBRUARY JERUSALEM

THURSDAY 23 FEBRUARY BY ROAD FROM JERUSALEM TO GAZA
RETURNING SAME AFTERNOON

FRIDAY 24 FEBRUARY FREE FOR NON-UNRWA BUSINESS TEL
AVIV. COMMISSIONER-GENERAL RETURNS
BEIRUT

SATURDAY 25 FEBRUARY DEPARTURE TEL AVIV FOR WASHINGTON
BY AIR

4. ITINERARY HAS BEEN DRAWN UP TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF LOCAL
HOLIDAYS, TRAVEL TIME BETWEEN FIELDS, HOURS OF OPERATION
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UNRWA INSTALLATIONS ETC. DETAILED SCHEDULE WILL BE
WORKED OUT ONCE WE HAVE YOUR APPROVAL BROAD OUTLINE AND WILL BE
SAME AS PROGRAM YOUR OWN VISIT LAST JULY WITH MINOR
MODIFICATIONS.

5. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER YOU PREFER TRAVEL FROM GAZA TO
TEL AVIV DIRECT AFTERNOON OF 23 FEBRUARY AND WHERE YOU
WISH SPEND NIGHTS 23 AND 24.

6. AS SOON AS ITINERARY AND SCHEDULES AT EACH STOP
REASONABLY FIRM, I WILL LET AMERICAN EMBASSIES EACH
FIELD HAVE COPY THROUGH UNRWA FIELD OFFICE DIRECTORS, BUT
I SUGGEST YOU NOTIFY THEM OF YOUR PLANS SOONEST.

7. ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS: UNRWA WILL ARRANGE
HOTEL BOOKINGS BEIRUT, DAMASCUS, AMMAN AND JERUSALEM
AND WILL PROVIDE ALL ROAD TRANSPORT. I ASSUME HOWEVER
YOU WILL MAKE OWN ARRANGEMENT FOR AIR TRAVEL, HOTEL IN
TEL AVIV IF REQUIRED, VISAS AND CLEARANCE ALLENBY BRIDGE.
END QUOTE.

8. EMBASSY COMMENT: WE CONCUR THAT IT WOULD BE MOST

HELPFUL FOR NORRIS TO ACCOMPANY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSIST-
ANTS.
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